Keshab R. Rajbhandari* & Hideaki Ohba**: A new species of Kobresia from Nepal***

K.R. ラジバンダリ*・大場秀章**: ネパールで見出された ヒゲハリスゲ属の新種(カヤツリグサ科)

The genus Kobresia is distributed in the temperate region of the Northern Hemisphere, chiefly in the central-Asiatic and Himalayan regions. More than 25 species are reported from the Himalayan region (Clarke 1894, Kükenthal 1909, Koyama 1978). Kobresia is one of the important genera in the alpine flora of the Himalaya. The taxonomic knowledge of this genus is still insufficient in this region and it is necessary to revise it. During our course of study of this genus we found a new interesting species closely related to K. Williamsii T. Koyama from Nepal (Fig. 1). While these two species are similar in having stoloniferous rhizome, bisexual spikelet, 3-fid style and smooth prophyll, the former differs from the latter being smaller in size of the plant (10-26 cm high) and prophyll (3.2-4.2 mm long) and having obtuse apex of the glume of spikelet (Fig. 2). K. Williamsii is 20-40 cm high with 7-8.5 mm long prophyll and rotundate-truncate apex of the glume. It is, however, noticeable that this new species has two membranous and nerveless scales below the female flower of the lowest spikelet (Fig. 2, F). From the recent gatherings of K. Williamsii in central and east Nepal in 1985 it seems that whereas it usually occurs in the higher altitude above 3700 to 4000 m in the alpine open grassy slope, the new species likes to dwell either in the subalpine forest or on moist mossy areas not exceeding 3900 m altitude. This new species is named as K. Harai for his great contribution to Himalayan botany and in memory of late Professor Hiroshi Hara.

Kobresia Harai Rajbhandari et H. Ohba, sp. nov.

Ex affinitate K. Williamsii T. Koyama statura toto minore (10-26 cm alta),

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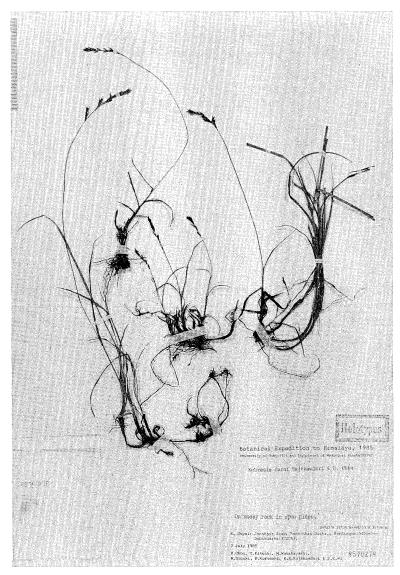


Fig. 1. Kobresia Harai (type).

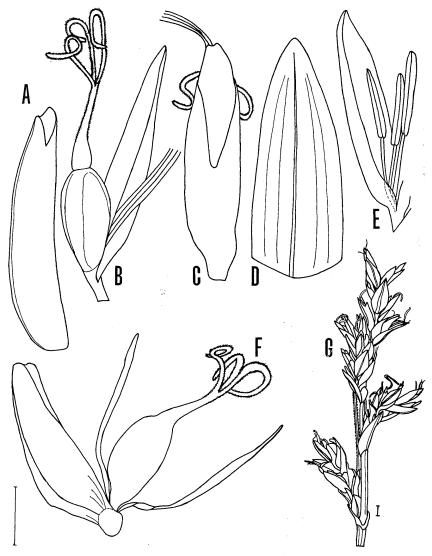


Fig. 2. Kobresia Harai (from type). A. Prophyll. B. Bisexual spikelet with male and female flowers, part of filament shown. C. Bisexual spikelet, showing prophyll, male glume and part of stigma and filament. D. Abaxial side of glume of spikelet. E. Male flower. F. Female flower of the lowest spikelet with prophyll and two sterile scales. G. Inflorescence. Scale bar for A-F, indicates 1 mm.

prophyllis parvis (3.2-4.2 nec 7-8.5 mm longis) et apice glumae obtuso statim dignoscenda.

Herba perennis, laxe caespitosa; rhizoma horizontale prostratum stoloniferum, stolonibus 2.5-3.5 cm longis 1-1.5 mm crassis, squamis ferrugineis obtegentibus. Culmi erecti, 10-26 cm longi in sicco 0.5 mm diametro, 2-3-foliati, triquetri laeves, basi vaginis veteribus aphyllis vel brachyphyllis 0.5-1 cm longis brunneis obtecti. Foliorum laminae lineares herbaceae planae, 2-14 cm longae 1-2 mm latae, apice leniter longe attenuatae (versus apicem gradatim decrescentes), margine scabrellae, costa scabridiuscula vel laevi, ligulis 0.5-1.5 cm longis viridescentibus.

Inflorescentiae spiciformes vel partim racemosae, erectae, lineares vel linearioblongae, 1.2-2.8 cm longae 0.5-1 cm latae, axe inflorescentiae laevi. Bractea frondosa infima late ovata, usque ad 1.5 cm longa et 2 mm lata, apice longe attenuata, olivacea, laevis vel scabridiuscula, margine hyalina, 1-nervis, basi vaginans; eae in spica superiore ca. 4 mm longae et 2 mm latae, late ovatae laeves viridiusculae 1-nerves apice obtusae. Spicae oblongae, 7-10 mm longae 3-3.5 mm latae, ex 5-8 spiculis constantes. Spiculae 3.4-4.4 mm longae 1 mm latae, ellipticae vel oblongi-ellipticae; terminales praecipue floribus toto masculis compositae sed interdum androgynae; laterales infimaeque vulgo in loco infimo uno flore femineo et superiore uno vel duobus eis masculis compositae, sed frequenter eis masculis toto redactis. Spicularum glumae ovatae vel ovatoellipticae, 3-4.2 mm longae 0.6-2 mm latae, spadiceae, glabratae margine hyalineae, apice obtusae, 1-nerves; nervo prae apice terminante. Prophylla oblongi-lanceolata, ex medio ad sub apicem connata, 3.2-4.2 mm longa 0.6-1 mm lata, olivacea membranacea laevia, apice oblique divisa, margine prope apicem hyalineiuscula, inconspicue 2-nervia; nervis sub apicem attingentibus. Nuces admodum trigoni, 1.7 mm longi 0.8 mm lati, anguste obovati, laeves pallide lutei, apice sine rostro. Stylus erectus 1.5 mm longus medio trifidus, basi tumidus; stigmate 2 mm longo. Infima spicula flos femineus basi duas appendices squamatas perfecte enerves membranaceas usque 3.3 mm longas et 1 mm latas occurrens. Florum masculorum glumae 4 mm longae late elliptico-lanceolatae apice obtusae membranaceae laeves pallide flavovirentes 1-nerves. Stamina 3, interdum 2 raro 1, filamentis 1.3-5 mm longis, antheris 1.2-2 mm longis 0.16-0.25 mm latis, luteis. Rhacheolae glabrae minoresque.

Hab.: E. Nepal (Janakpur Zone). Ramechhap Distr.: Serdingma (3400 m) - Dubikharka (3720 m) 86°21′E, 27°36′N, 7 July 1985, on mossy rock in open place

(Ohba, Kikuchi, Wakabayashi, Suzuki, Kurosaki, Rajbhandari & Wu 8570278, TI, holotype, KATH, isotype); Dubikharka (3720 m)-Baula Pokhari (3960 m), 9 July 1985, in forest (Ohba, Kikuchi, Wakabayashi, Suzuki, Kurosaki, Rajbhandari & Wu 8570329, TI, KATH, BM, NY).

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